

Meeting Minutes Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited

June 21, 2022 at The Hollow in Montfort

Members present: Carol Murphy, Don Pluemer, Dave Swanson, Gene Mazewski, Brian Larson, John Morton, Gordon Grieshaber, Mike Mooney, Bill Robichaud (new chapter member attending his first TU meeting).

Present via Zoom: Tom France.

Meeting called to order at: 7 pm

1. Approval of agenda—approved unanimously.
2. Approval of previous minutes from 5/17/22 meeting: Approved unanimously.
3. Public comment: None.
4. Treasurer's report—John. Sent via email. Additionally, John sent a check for \$500 to Fennimore Schools for stream monitoring equipment per the School Grant request. Discussion held and potential questions for the bank account manager who will be available at the July meeting to discuss options for use and limitations on the new account gifted by Tim Fraley's Estate. The board will have questions prepared for him. Accepted and approved.
5. Discussion of Tim Fraley gift to our chapter in preparation with the meeting with Edward Jones advisor meeting in July. As above with the goal of everyone feeling comfortable with the account and the rules of its use.
6. State Council meeting recap—Carol. Carol attended on June 4. There was a long discussion at the meeting on how best to help fund dam removal on the Kinnickinnic River and whether the use of a Friends Grant for that purpose is appropriate. Several state chapter committee leaders have not been or will not be replaced. They are looking for help for the summer fishing camp even if for only one day. CAFOs were also discussed and the Coolie Chapter does have a CAFO committee.
7. Diversity Initiatives/water monitoring—Carol: The Women's Clinic just happened last weekend at the West Fork of the Kickapoo and two groups

of 22 women participated and were happy with what they learned. Water monitoring has been happening. Tom France is a new monitor on the Big Rock Creek.

8. Workdays/website updates—Ted via email. Ted was wondering if the chance of a reward might improve member turnout and proposed putting workday attendees names' in a hat with one ticket for every attendance with the winner given a rod previously donated for the banquet. In discussion Gordon noted that there are usually only a few rods for the banquet and if we use one for the workers the banquet prizes could be thin. Would the reward of a rod or other prize increase worker turnout? No decision made tonight but could have future discussion and most attendees felt a reward was not necessary. Don is looking for help in brushing willow, cottonwood trees, and other woody growth on the Big Spring from Pine Tree Road and upstream. He will discuss this with Ted as a future work day project. Dave pointed that the CAFO paper has not made it to the new website. We need to get the projects updated, too.
9. Youth Report—Kurt. No report tonight. Note that Kurt was awarded his plaque and received recognition for his State Council Distinguished Service-Youth Education Award at the recent State Council meeting.
10. Membership/Grants—Brian. He continues to struggle to get contact info from new members. Bill welcomed to the chapter tonight. Got a check for \$1,000 from the Lee Wulff Chapter for projects. They are regular contributors. Thank you.
11. Project report—Don. Lots of progress has been made in shaping, seeding, and mulching the banks. Many loads of dirt were moved. Discussion of moving downstream on the Blue River for future projects but would need to prove it is suitable trout water.
12. Threats to resources—Dave: a movie "The Right to Harm, a Public Health Crisis Too Big to Ignore" will be aired at the Platteville Public Library on Wednesday June 22 at 5:15 sponsored by Grant County Rural Stewardship and Wisconsin Farmers. There will be a discussion and doors open 4:30-7 pm. Dave reports that about 50 people attended the SWIGG meeting to discuss the ground water study. About 27% of sampled wells were positive

for coliform bacteria or nitrate contamination. The full report is available on the Iowa County UW-Extension website--

[//iowas.extension.wisc.edu/natural-resources/swigg](http://iowas.extension.wisc.edu/natural-resources/swigg). Crawford County is having a public hearing on July 12 from 12:30 to 2:30 at the Crawford County Administrative Building in Prairie du Chien regarding the Roth Feeder Pig CAFO. The meeting is to discuss the township's ability to have local control on establishing local rules regarding CAFO development. Extensive discussion on the problem of manure management in the Driftless Area.

13. Landowner appreciation event. Gene and Don have a goal to have it at the latest project site with a tentative date of September 10.
14. Banquet. Mike brought up ideas on how to get more families and younger folks to attend. We will keep the banquet as a monthly topic at meeting. Watch for end of season sales to purchase gear and prizes for next year's event.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:23 pm.

Next meeting on July 19 at the Hollow.

Submitted by Gordon Grieshaber, Secretary.